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C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 1287

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UN, IC  
SUBJECT: UNGA CONSULTATIONS: GUAM

REF: STATE 205678

1. DCM AND POLOFF MADE FIRM PRESENTATION OF POINTS PARA  
9F REFTTEL AT MEETING AT MFA HEADED BY PERMANENT DEPUTY UNDER-  
SECRETARY HELGASON SEPTEMBER 13. MFA COUNSELOR EGILSSON  
REVIEWED VOTING ON GUAM ISSUE FROM PREVIOUS UN SESSION  
SHOWING DENMARK (AS PART OF EC BLOC) ONLY NORDIC TO SUPPORT  
US POSITION. HELGASON SAID THAT WITHIN GOI, MFA SUPPORTS  
US VIEW NOW AS IT DID LAST YEAR. DIFFICULTY LIES IN CON-  
VINCING OTHER ELEMENTS WITHIN GOVERNMENT.

2. GOI HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ANYTHING WITH MILITARY OVERTONES.  
HELGASON SAID VOTE FOR US POSITION IN 1976 WOULD HAVE REVIVED  
ATTACKS ON NATO BASE IN PRESS AT TIME WHEN COALITION  
WAS VULNERABLE. DESPITE FACT THAT GOI IS IN STRONGER  
POLITICAL POSITION AT THIS TIME AND THAT GUAM RESOLUTION  
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LIKELY TO BE Milder, USG CANNOT COUNT ON ICELANDIC VOTE.  
ADDITIONAL PROBLEM IS STANCE TAKEN BY NORDIC BLOC WHICH  
GOI TENDS TO FOLLOW RATHER THAN LEAD. UNLESS OTHER  
NORDICS, ESPECIALLY NORWAY, CAN BE CONVINCED TO SUPPORT  
US POSITION, GOI UNLIKELY TO STAND ALONE (DANES EXCEPTED).  
HELGASON NOTED CATEGORICALLY THAT IF OTHER NORDICS  
SUPPORTED US POSITION, ICELAND WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM

FOLLOWING SUIT.

3. EMBOFFS STRESSED THIS WAS QUESTION OF US RIGHT OF  
SELF-DEFENSE RATHER THAN "FOREIGN" MILITARY BASE ISSUE  
AND URGED MFA OFFICIALS TO WORK IN BEHLAF OF USG POSITION.  
HELGASON PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST BUT WAS NOT SANGUINE  
ABOUT RESULTS.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, EMBASSY BELIEVES ONLY WAY  
TO WIN OVER GOI WOULD BE TO GAIN SUPPORT OF OTHER NORDICS  
BEFORE WORKING LEVEL MEETING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MFA OFFICIALS  
SEPTEMBER 22-23 IN REYKJAVIK.  
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